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Applicant : Jörg HAUPTMANN et al.

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For : CIRCUIT ARRANGEMENT FOR ELECTRONICALLY GENERATING  
A RINGING IMPEDANCE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

Enclosed please find a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report - Form PCT/IPEA/409 (hereinafter "Report") which was drawn on the originally filed description and drawings, and claims 1-13 as filed on October 21, 1999, and includes as an Annex amended page 1 of the specification and amended pages 16-19 including claims 1-13.

Based upon the submission of amended sheets of specification and claims, Applicants respectfully requests examination on the merits of the application containing amended pages 16-19 of claims 1-13, in place of originally filed claims 1-13 appearing on pages 16-19 of International Application No. PCT/DE99/03385 as originally filed.

Additionally, prior to the examination of the above-identified application including replacement claims 1-13, amendment of claims 1-13, as follows, and the addition of claims